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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Further to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2004, Applicants request reconsideration based on the submission of this response.

The Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims section that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Response is reflected in the Remarks section that begins on page 9 of this paper.

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#### REMARKS

Claims 2-6, 9, 12-17, and 24-30 are currently pending. Applicants cancel claims 1, 7, 8, 10, and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer. Allowable claims 2, 12, and 14 have been amended from dependent claims to independent claims to overcome Examiner's objections. Allowable claim 9 has been amended to depend on claim 2 to overcome Examiner's objections. Allowable claim 24 has been amended to overcome Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 providing antecedent basis to "fill port" in line 5. Claim 29 has been amended to correct its dependency based upon the above amendments. Allowance of the case with these amendments is hereby respectfully requested.

### Fee Authorization

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